



NUECES COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL BYLAWS
APPROVED: APRIL 29, 2024

ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

- Section 1. The name of this organization will be the Nueces County 4-H Council.
- Section 2. This shall be a nonprofit organization exclusively for the purpose of promoting through 4-H Club work.
- Section 3. The objectives of this organization shall be:
- i. To provide learning situations for the development of leadership, responsibility, and effective citizenship.
 - ii. To provide educational and challenging experiences that will enable young people to become knowledgeable and skilled in their selected project areas.
 - iii. To provide information and training in other 4-H activities as members' interests dictate.
 - iv. To help each member experience personal growth and achievement, as well as be of service to others.
- Section 4. This club is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 5. No part of the net earnings of this club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that this club shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this constitution.
- Section 6. No substantial part of this club's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution, this club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, of (b) by a corporation, contributions, to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 8. The purpose will be to promote and encourage 4-H work and to coordinate 4-H activities. The Council provides 4-H members the opportunity and experience of helping plan and conduct the county 4-H program. The Council provides for and protects the right of every 4-H club and group to be represented in the decisions that shape and mold the county 4-H program.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be in compliance with the age and grade requirements as stated in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Rules and Guidelines. The 4-H year will be from September 1 to August 31.

- Section 2. New members must be enrolled annually through 4HONLINE and be approved as an active member. All members must re-enroll annually.

- Section 3. All members are required to pay the minimum state - level participation fees of \$25.00 on or before October 31 or pay \$30.00 on or after November 1.

- Section 4. All members should conduct at least one project, and then complete and turn in a project record form or appropriate paperwork.

- Section 5. 4-H membership is open to all youth regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The membership of the Nueces County 4-H Council will be open to any 4-H member in Nueces County.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. The officers of the council will consist of president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, 3rd vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian, health & safety, and technology. The president, 1st vice president, and 2nd vice president must be at least in the 10th grade the year of service. All other officers must be at least in the 8th grade the year of service.

- Section 2. Any 4-H member holding a council office must have completed a recordbook for the previous year. To be eligible to run for a council office, members must meet the requirements of missing no more than two meetings and turn in a fully complete recordbook by the June deadline set by the Extension office.

- Section 3. Term of Office. Officers will be elected annually and will not be eligible to serve more than two (2) terms in the same office. The term of office will be from September 1 to August 31.

- Section 4. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The annual meeting of Council will be in April and the executive committee will be elected at this meeting. Eligible candidates should refer to the Officer Election Procedures. New Officer positions will be effective beginning September 1st of the upcoming year.

- Section 5. Voting Body. The voting body will consist of three delegates from each 4-H club in the county - the president, one elected council delegate, and one additional representative. One of the three delegates must include a county council officer from the club they represented at the time of elections if that council officer is not the club president or council delegate. The club delegates will be 13 years of age, and not more than 19 years of age, as of September 1st of the term year. In the event a club does not have members available who meet the age requirements, Nueces 4-H Council will accept the delegates selected by the club to serve as its representatives. A club will be asked to replace any delegate after missing two council meetings, without reporting to Council president prior to the meeting.

Section 6. District Council Delegates. The delegate from the Nueces County 4-H Council will be the president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, and 3rd vice president. In the event one of the delegates is a district officer, another delegate will be elected. If these officers are unable to attend a district meeting, another member can be appointed to fill the position.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees will be appointed by the president as the need arises.

Section 2. Members will be encouraged to volunteer for services on committees in which they have a particular interest. In the absence of volunteers, the president will make committee appointments as needed. The president will be responsible for defining the committee's assignment. The president will also appoint the chairman of each committee. The president is an ex officio member of each committee appointed.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Council will meet on the last Monday of September, October, January, March, and April, as well as the 2nd Thursday in December.

Section 2. The president may call emergency meetings when necessary.

Section 3. A quorum must be in attendance before official business can be conducted. A quorum will consist of 51 percent of voting delegates.

ARTICLE VI: PROCEDURE

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the accepted authority in all matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure that are not specifically covered in the club's bylaws.

Section 2. The order of business for regular meeting is:

- Call to order
- Inspirational
- Roll call
- Reception for new members and recognition of quests
- Reading and approval of minutes
- Reports - officers, committees, project groups, special activities, leaders
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Program
- Adjournment
- Closing
- Recreation

Section 3. This order of business may be altered for the convenience of a speaker giving the program.

ARTICLE VII: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The 4-H club/group shall adhere to all guidelines related to financial accountability as outlined in the Texas 4-H Youth Development 4-H Club Financial Management Rules and Guidelines.

ARTICLE VIII: CLUB DISBANDMENT

Upon the disbandment of the club, all real property, including money, equipment and land shall become the property of the County 4-H Program for care and disposition and authorizes the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and County Extension Agent(s) full rights to access bank records, bank funds, and all other banking authority. This also applies to all inventory and assets acquired by and or owned by this organization.

The last official duty of the club's manager shall be to affect the transfer of club property and to turn over club records to the County Extension Agent or other Extension designees.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented to the club in writing and filed with the secretary at the previous meeting of the club. Amendments must not conflict with the basic 4-H philosophy or the Texas 4-H Club/Group Charter Agreement. These amendments are effective upon the affirmative vote of the members present.